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President Lisa Borders and Members of Atlanta City Council City Hall, Suite 2900 South 68 Mitchell St., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Municipal Market Board of Directors Re-appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to re-appoint Thamida Shamsuddin to serve as a member of the Municipal Market Board of Directors in the Accounting Category for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Mrs. Shamsuddin will continue to serve the Municipal Market Board of Directors with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

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TAHMIDA SHAMSUDDIN

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Central Atlanta Progress, Atlanta, GA

Senior Project Manager, Economic Development, January 2005-Present

Manage economic development initiatives, lead task forces, collaborate with regional economic development agencies on common goals, and represent and promote Downtown Atlanta to the community. Oversee a group of interns that collect, analyze, and disseminate demographic, economic and market data; and produce GIS maps and graphical presentations for the department.

Project Manager, Economic Development, January 2003-December 2004

Providing assistance to potential and existing investors and tenants; coordinating economic development related task force initiatives; maintaining a working knowledge of state, local, national and private sector programs and incentives and other resources available to support the recruitment and retention of tenants; and maintaining and distributing an inventory of the real estate products available.

Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development, Westborough, MA

Associate, October 2001-December 2002

Economic and market research in response to client requests; production and distribution of newsletters; developing and maintaining content for the web site www.massecon.com; customer facing financial and economic consulting; writing proposals and reports; managing the organization's internship program and training interns; and serving as a liaison to the economic development community.

EDUCATION

Goizueta Business School, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Master of Business Administration (MBA), class of 2008, evening MBA program

Concentration: Finance and Real Estate

Sawyer School of Management, Suffolk University, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), Sept 2002

Major: Interdisciplinary Business, magna cum laude

Honors: Dean's List, Outstanding Student Award, and Griffin fellowship (awarded to top 8% of class); represented the Sawyer School of Management at the B-School Beanpot Case Analysis Competition

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Ballotti Learning Center, Suffolk University, Boston, MA

Selected as a *Study Group Leader* to provide educational instruction and motivational support to students in high-risk courses such as Physics and Mathematics.

Jhankar, South Asian Musical Organization, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Served as *President*. Planned and performed at musical events throughout campus.

Office of Admissions, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Chosen as an *Admissions Representative*; interviewed prospective students, wrote evaluations, and served on informational panels both on and off campus for applicants, parents and guidance counselors.

Spring Fair Organization, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Chaired an event committee of the largest student-run fair in the region. Organized and budgeted charitable fund raising contests for students and obtained sponsorship from local businesses for an event attracting 10,000 people.

Bengali Cultural Association, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Served as Vice President for two years. Planned, organized and obtained funding from sponsors for cultural events, and publicized the events to promote Bengali culture in the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, Central Branch, Atlanta, GA, June 2003-Present Job Search Mentor. Tutor library patrons in job search skills and developing a resume, along with computer skills.

Boston Cares, Boston, MA, October 2001-December 2002

Math tutor. Teach math to adult students working towards their GED at Roxbury Salvation Army.

Center for Health and Population Research, Dhaka, Bangladesh, August –December 1999 Research Volunteer. Assisted non-native speaking researchers communicate with research subjects in a study to improve immunity to infectious diseases in children living in high-density urban (slum) areas. Performed statistical analysis on data collected and also wrote descriptive narrative about research subjects.

Office of Volunteer Services, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Oct 99 – May 00. Director of Computer Job Skills. Trained and certified women in transitional home in computer skills. Created the course material and managed tutor groups.

Center for Disabled Children, Dhaka, Bangladesh, March 1996 – August 1997

Communication Skills Instructor. Taught spoken English, communication and social skills.

AFFILIATIONS

CoreNet Global International Economic Development Council (IEDC)

Commercial Real Estate Georgia Downtown Association

Women (CREW) Urban Land Institute (ULI) - Atlanta Chapter

Urban Georgia Network ANDP's Mixed Income Communities Initiative (MICI)

Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA)

LANGUAGES

Bilingual in Bengali and English; fluent in Hindi.